



# UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP

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## APPLICATION FOR FRONT YARD TREES\*

Email your order form and tree species list to Chris Marshall at christopher.marshall.111880@gmail.com (first come-first served). Next, return completed and signed hard copy form and payment check to Christopher Marshall at 619 Charles Dr., King of Prussia, PA 19406, to be received no later than **Monday, August 26, 2024**. Checks should be made out to "Upper Merion Township" with "Tree Order" in the memo line.

Name of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ PA \_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Address of tree planting location if different from above:

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Site restrictions at planting site: \_\_\_ Overhead wires \_\_\_ Small yard

Other \_\_\_\_\_.

Initial all that apply and sign below:

\_\_\_ I have read and understand the terms described in the "Agreement to Plant a Yard Tree."

\_\_\_ I have viewed the PHS video "How to Plant a Bare Root Tree" at [Tree Tenders Program | Pennsylvania Horticultural Society \(phsonline.org\)](#) Note: Leave a good-sized loop of arbor tie around the trunk. Do not wrap the trunk tightly.

\_\_\_ I agree to take responsibility for the care of the requested tree(s), including transportation from the pickup site TBA, on **Saturday, November 16, 2024**. Trees are 12-15' tall and approximately 2' wide.

\_\_\_ I agree to pay \$110.00 for each tree ordered, due when order placed.

\_\_\_ I will need assistance for transporting and/or planting the tree(s).

\_\_\_ I would like to order \_\_\_ "Tree Diaper" tree watering devices @ \$31.00 (highly recommended).








Signature of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 8-8-24 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Upper Merion Township ordinance requires that yard trees must be planted no nearer to the sidewalk than three (3) feet.

## Agreement to Plant a Yard Tree

By signing this tree request form, you, the property owner, agree to the following:

-  I will plant my tree according to the Upper Merion Shade Tree Ordinance Section 153-3.
-  I will plant my tree following the instructions given.
-  I understand that **no guarantee** is included with this offer, and tree survival is in my own hands.
-  I will water my tree slowly and deeply so that it receives 15-20 gallons per week, March through December for two years following planting.
-  I will protect my tree from damage by cars, lawn mowers, string trimmers, pets, etc.
-  I understand that yard trees are the property and responsibility of the property owner.
-  I am prepared to transport my tree(s) – 12-15 feet tall and 2 feet wide.

I would like to order the following tree(s) at \$110 per tree (retail value approx. \$225 per tree):

Some species are in very short supply and will be offered **first-come, first-served**. Get your order in quickly! Trees that require **extra special care** in planting and establishment are marked with (\*\*).

(We strongly recommend that you research the characteristics of your trees to match your planting site. See the attached list, or [www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx](http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx) or Google for more info)

| ## | Species   | Common Name             | Native | Mature size, ft (Ht x Width) | Notes   |
|----|---|-------------------------|--------|------------------------------|---|
|    | <b>Small – 20-30' tall (compatible under utility wires)</b> |                         |        |                              |   |
|    | Carpinus caroliniana  | American Hornbeam       | Yes    | 30x25                        | Full sun to shade, slow growth, tolerates wide range of soils and moisture levels, low salt tolerance, muscle-like trunk  |
|    | Cercis canadensis   | Eastern Redbud          | Yes    | 25x30                        | Flat-topped spreading, open, irregular; purplish-pink flowers; has flat, leguminous pods; tolerant drought and soil types; full sun or slight shade.  |
|    | Crataegus 'Winter King' (**)<br>(limited availability)      | Hawthorn                | Yes    | 25x25                        | Broad vase shape; tolerant of many soils and heat; retains fruit in winter  |
|    | Malus 'Adirondack'  | Flowering Crabapple     | No     | 18X10                        | Densely upright inverted cone; white flower; red-orange fruit; excellent disease resistance   |
|    | Malus 'Harvest Gold'  | Flowering Crabapple     | No     | 22X18                        | Green leaf; white flower; yellow fruit, good disease resistance except fair for fire blight and scab  |
|    | Prunus sargentii 'Columnaris' (limited availability)        | Columnar Sargent Cherry | No     | 35x15                        | Narrow upright, hardy, pink flower; orange-red fall color   |
|    | Amelanchier laevis 'Cumulus' (**)                           | Serviceberry            | Yes    | 25x15                        | Oval-upright open form; minimal suckering; white flower, dark green summer foliage  |
|    | <b>Medium – 30-50'</b>                                      |                         |        |                              |   |
|    | Acer rubrum 'Redpointe'                                     | Redpointe Maple         | Yes    | 45x35                        | Strong central leader; well branched, symmetrical crown; bright red fall color; great shade and street tree; waxy leaves with decent drought tolerance  |
|    | Acer rubrum 'Bowhall'                                       | Bowhall Red Maple       | Yes    | 40x15                        | Narrow columnar form; orange-red fall color   |
|    | Aesculus x 'Autumn Splendor'                                | Autumn Splendor Buckeye | Yes    | 35X25                        | Produces nuts; yellow-red flower spikes. Smaller than the species. MN selection, maroon fall color  |
|    | Cladrastis kentukea   | Yellowwood              | Yes    | 40x35                        | Broadly rounded; climate change appropriate; white pendulous fragrant flowers when mature; gray smooth bark   |
|    | Cornus controversa 'June Snow' (very limited availability)  | Giant Dogwood           | No     | 30x40                        | For wide sites; small white flowers and dark berries; all season interest specimen tree   |
|    | Gleditsia t.i. 'Perfection'                                 | Perfection Honeylocust  | Yes    | 45x35                        | Upright, well-scaffolded; fruitless; dark green foliage.  |
|    | Ostrya virginiana (**)                                      | American Hophornbeam    | Yes    | 40x25                        | Requires extra care first 2 years, then low maintenance after establishment; climate change appropriate. moderate growth rate; compatible with streets and urban soils,                         |
|    | Populus tremuloides 'Dancing Flame' (limited availability)  | Quaking aspen           | Yes    | 20-4-'x10-15'                | Excellent orange-red fall color; upright; no seed litter/fuzz; single stem; bright white bark; disease resistance to Venturia leaf and shoot blight; grows best in well-drained moist loam soil |
|    | <b>Large --50' and over</b>                                 |                         |        |                              |   |
|    | Celtis occidentalis   | Hackberry               | Yes    | 60x40                        | Irregular, rounded form; corky bark; urban adaptable; tolerates adverse conditions; needs room to grow; wildlife value  |
|    | Gymnocladus 'Espresso'                                      | Kentucky Coffeetree     | Yes    | 60x40                        | Upright arching branches present elm-like form; fruitless; slow growing and awkward youth but gorgeous adulthood; clean branching   |

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|  | Liriodendron tulipifera<br>(**)                   | Tuliptree                   | Yes | 60x30              | Can grow taller; oval canopy; fast-growing; needs lots of room; doesn't do well on dry or soggy sites; seed litter in winter; aphid-prone with dripping honeydew; possible branch breakage   |
|  | Platanus occidentalis<br>(limited availability)   | American Sycamore           | Yes | 70x70              | Climate resilient; prefers full sun and moist, well-drained soils; tolerates urban conditions; requires very large space; strong wood, but littering of twigs/fruits can be messy; moderately deer-resistant, yet is a food source for small mammals & birds |
|  | Quercus bicolor                                   | Swamp White Oak             | Yes | 60x40              | Excellent heat and drought resistance once established; easy transplant; 1-inch acorn; exfoliating bark  |
|  | Quercus imbricaria (**)<br>(limited availability) | Shingle Oak                 | Yes | 50x60              | For large, full sun lawns- no shade tolerance; moderate growth rate; often drooping lower branches at maturity; glossy foliage; adaptable but prefers acidic soil; leaves persist in winter  |
|  | Quercus alba (**)                                 | White oak                   | Yes | 40-80' x<br>40-80' | Deemed climate resilient and site adaptable; pyramidal to broad-rounded form; valuable wildlife species; but difficult to establish bare root so plant at your own risk.   |
|  | Tilia americana 'Frontyard'                       | American Linden or Basswood | Yes | 70x40              | Great shade, fragrant, pollinator tree; adaptable to soil pH and texture; shade tolerant; sensitive to heat, drought, soil compaction & salt. Prune for structure  |
|  | Ulmus x 'Accolade'                                | Accolade elm                | No  | 70x60              | Vase form reminiscent of American Elm; resistant to elm leaf beetle, DED and phloem necrosis   |
|  | Ulmus americana<br>'Princeton'                    | Princeton American Elm      | Yes | 65x45              | Vase form; straight trunk; DED tolerant; vigorous growth, watch for tight branching and included bark  |

Total number of trees: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$110 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total number of tree diapers: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$31 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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